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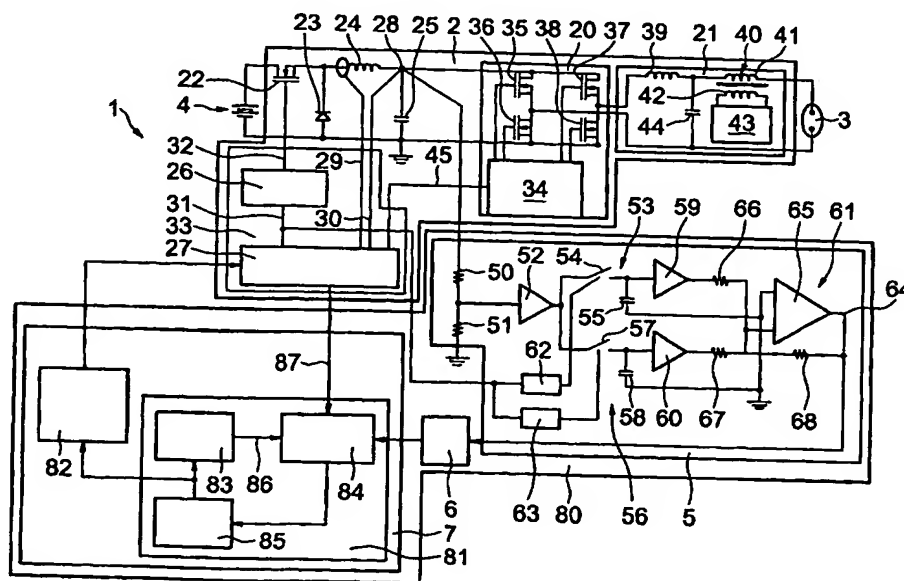
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a circuit (1) and a method for operation of a gas discharge lamp (3) with a switching trans-
former (2), which switching transformer comprises a switch (22), a converter inductor (24) and a control means (27) in a control
loop (33) for measuring a lamp voltage and setting a desired power. In accordance with the invention, the switching transformer
lamp conditions.



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